

Introduced by Senator Cedillo

February 22, 2006

An act to amend Section 10500 of the Vehicle Code, relating to Vehicles.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1408, as introduced, Cedillo. Police: notice of recovered vehicle.

Existing law governing a stolen, unlawfully taken, or unlawfully driven vehicle requires that the original reporting police agency mail to the reporting party a specified written notice within 24 hours of receiving the notice of recovery of that vehicle, excluding holidays and weekends.

This bill would require that mailing to instead be made within 48 hours after the reporting police agency receives the notice of the recovery of the vehicle.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 10500 of the Vehicle Code is amended
2 to read:
3 10500. (a) ~~Every~~A peace officer, upon receiving a report
4 based on reliable information that ~~any~~ a vehicle registered under
5 this code has been stolen, taken, or driven in violation of Section
6 10851, or that a leased or rented vehicle has not been returned
7 within five days after its owner has made written demand for its
8 return, by certified or registered mail, following the expiration of
9 the lease or rental agreement, or that license plates for ~~any~~ a

1 vehicle have been lost or stolen, shall, immediately after
2 receiving that information, report the information to the
3 Department of Justice Stolen Vehicle System. An officer, upon
4 receiving information of the recovery of ~~any~~ a vehicle described
5 in this subdivision, or of the recovery of *license* plates ~~which~~ *that*
6 have been previously reported as lost or stolen, shall immediately
7 report the fact of the recovery to the Department of Justice Stolen
8 Vehicle System. At the same time, the recovering officer shall
9 advise the Department of Justice Stolen Vehicle System and the
10 original reporting police agency of the location and condition of
11 the *recovered* vehicle or license plates ~~recovered~~. The original
12 reporting police agency, upon receipt of the information from the
13 recovering officer, shall, immediately attempt to notify the
14 reporting party by telephone, if the telephone number of the
15 reporting party is available or readily accessible, of the location
16 and condition of the recovered vehicle. If the reporting party's
17 telephone number is unknown, or notification attempts were
18 unsuccessful, the original reporting police agency shall notify the
19 reporting party by placing, in the mail, a notice providing the
20 location and condition of the recovered vehicle. This written
21 notice shall be mailed within ~~24~~ 48 hours of the original
22 reporting police agency's receipt of the information of the
23 recovery of the vehicle, excluding holidays and weekends.
24 (b) If the recovered vehicle is subject to parking or storage
25 charges, Section 10652.5 applies.